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EFFECTIVENESS OF VANDE MATARAM SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the effectiveness of the Vande Mataram Scheme introduced for the free check-up of pregnant women;

(b) the number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether any difficulties have been faced in the implementation of the Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The Vande Mataram Scheme was launched in February 2004 as a voluntary scheme under the aegis of the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI). No funds were provided by the Government of India for this scheme.
Under this scheme, FOGSI had appealed to its members to provide OPD services for ante-natal and post-natal check-up of pregnant women and family planning services, on the 9th of every month free of cost and to refer the women, if required, for treatment of any complications, to pre- identified referral centers. As reported by FOGSI, 1653 private gynecologists (FOGSI members) volunteered and got themselves associated with the scheme for providing Vande Mataram services. However, no information has been provided by FOGSI to Government of India on the number of beneficiaries under this scheme.
As per information received from the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), the scheme of Vande Mataram was discontinued after the year 2005.